



# Olene Smith Walker

## Governor

### Declaration

Whereas, many citizens of Utah use the Internet to keep in contact with family and friends, manage their finances, buy goods and services and get the latest news;

Whereas, the primary and secondary schools of Utah use the Internet to enhance the education of our youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials;

Whereas, the use of information technology at institutions of higher education is integral in teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and service;

Whereas, public libraries provide access to networked computers, online databases, and other resources to the public;

Whereas, Utah businesses use information systems and networks to manage their businesses and expand their customer reach;

Whereas, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care, and emergency response systems;

Whereas, Internet users and our information infrastructure face increasing security issues from spyware and adware;

Whereas, each year there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud;

Whereas, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states enhance cyber security;

Whereas, there are national organizations, such as the non-profit National Cyber Security Alliance, policymakers, government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit entities helping consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth to protect themselves online;

Whereas, each one of us plays an important role in securing our cyberspace;

Whereas, awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Utah information infrastructure and economy; and

Whereas, the US Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month;

Now, Therefore, I, Olene S. Walker, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare the month of October as

# Cyber Security Awareness Month